

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [00058] on page 19 of the application with the following amended paragraph:

[00058] For blocking experiments, syt II 1-267 and syt II 61-267 were generated as his6-fusion proteins; syt II 1-87 was generated as a GST-fusion protein that was eluted from beads using 10 mM glutathione plus 0.5% Triton X-100. Protein fragments or peptides were pre-mixed with BoNT/B in 200 µl TBS for 1 hr at 4°C before adding into 2 ml of cell culture media (per well in a 6 well plate). In some cases, gangliosides were also added in the binding buffer (Fig. 5 B, lower panel). The final concentration of BoNT/B was 30 nM, the final concentration of gangliosides was 25 µg/ml, and the final [syt fragment] is indicated in the description of the drawings.